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PSB - Panel B - Intelligence Aspects

Problem: To determine how to handle the intelligence aspects of the problems listed under I. A. "Estimate of the Present Situation" on the PSB August 7 work list.

Discussion:

1. The PSB and the various departmental PW planners and operators should make maximum use of the existing intelligence agencies and machinery. When the PSB needs an intelligence study, it should discuss the need with the appropriate intelligence agency (probably State, but if in doubt CIA may be consulted). The appropriate intelligence agency will then either itself or in conjunction with the other agencies through the IAC or otherwise develop the requested study. Liaison will be maintained with the planners and operators as appropriate particularly with regard to evaluation of the effectiveness of U. S. operations.

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2. The PSB has asked only for items 4, 5, and 7 under [redacted] the August 7 list. With respect to these three, Intelligence has a contribution to make only on item 7, a Report of the present status of U. S. psychological operations. Part of such a report has to do with accessibility of audiences to various types of operations, countermeasures taken, size and characteristics of audience, reactions achieved and results to be anticipated.

3. Three other items under I.A. are also of concern to Intelligence, however, and they must not be ignored even though the PSB did not select them for immediate consideration. These are items 1, 2, and 6.

NSC review(s) completed.

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a. Item 1 - Intelligence requirements. This is a matter of continual discussion between planners and operators on the one hand and the appropriate intelligence agency on the other. It is best handled in terms of specific needs as they arise since there is already considerable material being produced in the intelligence community.

b. Item 2 - Study of hostile operations to determine Soviet objectivities and strategies. This type of analysis is already going forward in the State Department's R area and elsewhere. It is suggested that State and CIA discuss activities in this regard with the PJSB staff to see how the latter's needs can be met.

c. Item 6 - Vulnerability of the Soviet orbit. State has been working on this subject and has discussed with CIA. It is proposed to produce a National Intelligence Estimate in the near future.

Recommendation:

1. That Panel B prepare an outline of the survey report mentioned in item I.A.(7) and specify those factors on which an initial intelligence contribution is desired.

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